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## FRENCH RAILROADS.

The following gives the length of the railroads of France on the 31st December :

	1857.	1858.
Northern .....	536.9 miles.	577.5 miles.
Eastern .....	873.1 "	1010.6 "
Ardennes .....	32.5 "	95.0 "
Western .....	600 " "	715.0 "
Orleans .....	924.6 "	1089.6 "
Mediterranean.....	1012.5 "	1133.2 "
Lyon-Geneva .....	109.4 "	142.5 "
Southern .....	455.6 "	496.2 "
Dauphin .....	55.0 "	80.6 "
Ceinture (round Paris) .....	10.6 "	10.6 "
Besseges-Alais .....	18.7 "	20.0 "
Anzin-Somain .....	11.9 "	11.9 "
Carmaut-Albi .....	"	9.4 "
Graissessac-Reziers .....	"	32.5 "
Total.....	4670.8 "	5424.6 "
Aver'e length operated.....	4296.2 "	5061.2 "
Earnings.....	\$62,221,602	\$67,047,803
Average earnings per mile .....	}\$14,499	}\$13,248

The average cost of French railroads has been about \$128,340 per mile.

## RAILROADS IN EGYPT.

The railroad from Cairo to Suez being now completed, Egypt possesses the following lines :

From Alexandria to Cairo .....	131 miles.
" " to Marabout .....	17 "
" " to Meks .....	6 "
" " to Rassuteen .....	3 "
" Tanta to Samanud .....	21 "
" Cairo to Suez .....	91 "
" " to Barragod .....	15 "
" " to Beni Sueff .....	76 "
Total.....	360 miles.

—Besides which there are smaller branches from Cairo to the Citadel and Kasr Nin ; from Samanud to Mansoura and Damietta, and from Damanhour to Aste and Rosetta. The exact mileage of these minor, but still important lines, is not yet accurately known.

## INDIAN RAILROADS.

The length of railroads sanctioned for British India up to the end of 1858 is 4,847 miles. Of this, the length of 559 miles is opened for traffic, and 3,038 miles is in course of construction —leaving 1,250 miles on which work has not been commenced. In the course of the present year there will be completed 747 miles additional to that already in operation ; in 1860,

270 miles more, and in 1861, 296 miles more. Thus at the end of 1861, there will be in India a total length of finished railroad amounting to 1,872 miles. The total capital guaranteed for these railroads is about \$200,000,000, one-half of which has been already paid up. The cost of construction is about \$56,000 per mile, or less than one-third that of English railroads. When the lines are completed there will be four great arterial railroads, opening up the whole of India to the seaboard at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and giving to the country commercial facilities which centuries of native rule would not afford to it.

## STATISTICS OF THE STATE OF IOWA, 1859.

No. of Dwelling Houses.....	103,785
Total amount of Population.....	633,449
No. of Males .....	332,806
No. of Females .....	300,743
No. entitled to vote .....	136,457
No. of Militia .....	116,034
No. of acres of Improved Lands .....	3,109,436
No. of acres of Unimproved Lands .....	7,335,057
No. of miles of Railroad finished .....	390
No. of miles of Railroad unfinished .....	310
Acrecs of Meadow .....	172,362
Tons of Hay .....	433,603
Bushels of Grass Seed .....	48,363
Acrecs of Spring Wheat .....	750,719
Bushels harvested .....	3,090,049
Acrecs of Winter Wheat .....	29,190
Bushels harvested .....	203,204
Acrecs of Oats .....	313,572
Bushels harvested .....	1,703,760
Acrecs of Corn .....	986,096
Bushels harvested .....	23,366,684
Acrecs of Potatoes .....	24,031
Bushels harvested .....	1,497,204
No. of Hogs sold .....	337,261
Value of Hogs sold .....	\$2,111,425
No. of Cattle sold .....	141,146
Value of Cattle sold .....	\$2,950,187

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Subscription of the State to internal improvements :

Shares in the South Carolina R. R. Co .....	\$30,000
" " North Eastern R. R. Co .....	220,000
" " Spartanburg and Union R. R. ....	250,000
" " Charlotte and So. Ca. R. R. Co..	31,700
" " Greenville and Columbia R. R. ....	348,000
" " Blue Ridge Railroad Company .....	860,000
" " Cheraw and Darlington R.R....	140,000
" " Pendleton Railroad Company .....	35,000
" " Laurens Railroad Company .....	50,000
" " Charleston and Savannah R.R. ....	270,000
	\$2,134,700